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S.O.L.V.E Act of 2004

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 4, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		May 4, 2004
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		May 4, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4262	Identical bill	Jun 28, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Safe, Orderly, Legal Visas and Enforcement Act (or SOLVE Act) of 2004 - Creates an earned adjustment program for undocumented aliens (and their spouses and children) who meet specified requirements. Excludes aliens granted earned adjustment from numerical visa limitations.

Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act to allow such aliens to correct social security records.

Creates transitional status for certain aliens who do not satisfy earned adjustment requirements.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt immediate relatives from the family-sponsored immigrant cap. Redefines "immediate relatives" to include spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents.

Recaptures certain unused visa numbers.

Reduces the minimum income level for affidavits of support.

Increases to 21 the eligibility age for derivative citizenship.

Repeals, retroactively, barriers to reentry for unlawful presence.

Redefines the H-2B nonimmigrant worker category to include aliens coming temporarily to perform short-term service or labor for nine months or less. Adds an H-1D category for aliens coming temporarily to perform service or labor other than that performed by specified nonimmigrants.

Requires employers seeking H-1D or H-2B workers to undertake recruitment efforts for U.S. workers and submit labor attestations. Provides for derivative status for spouses and children of H-1D and H-2B workers. Makes such workers eligible for employment-based immigrant visas and adjustment of status.

Authorizes stays of removal for aliens involved in workplace claims.

Addresses backpay remedies and unfair immigration-related employment practices.

Creates a Temporary Worker Programs Commission.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 4, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4842)
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